

Exotic snails enter the United States through one main pathway  
-  
container traffic!



With the increase in container movement overseas and domestically, the opportunity for snail infestation increases.

As an importer you have the unique opportunity to examine every overseas shipment that enters your facility. Your cooperation in reporting exotic pests can result in saving US taxpayers millions of dollars per year and reducing agricultural concerns among US trading partners.



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Dead or Alive

## Exotic Snails



State of Washington  
Department of Agriculture

Entomology Program  
Pest Detection

Call Toll Free

**1-800-443-6684**



The vineyard snail

Exotic species of plants and animals lack natural predators and consequently reproduce



The wrinkled dune snail

Two exotic snails, the vineyard snail and the wrinkled dune snail, have recently entered Washington state. State and federal plant health officials are searching statewide for these pests. Please contact WSDA immediately, if you find either of these snails.

"The vineyard snail"

*Cernuella viirgata* (de Costa)



**Shell:** Globular, high convex spire with 5-7 convex whorls, small umbilicus, mouth round with an internal rib which may be white or brown

**Coloration:** White or ginger, usually with dark brown spiral band

**Size:** 10-20 mm diameter



Infestations of the Vineyard snail clog and damage harvesting machinery.



**Exotic snails are of agricultural concern for many reasons. Snails consume some plants of agricultural importance. Snails also climb plants making harvesting difficult and spoiling the product. Snails also carry many plant, animal and human diseases.**

"The wrinkled dune snail"

*Candidula intersecta* (Poiret)



**Shell:** Depressed globular, spire flattened with 4-5 convex whorls with narrow umbilicus

**Coloration:** Whitish or yellowish white with dark bands and spots

**Size:** 7-11 mm diameter